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In re application of
Hendel et al.
Serial No. 10/663,585
Filed: September 16, 2003
For: TREATMENT OF SEMI-PERMEABLE
FILTRATION MEMBRANES

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on the PETITION TO DIRECTOR 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 20, 2006.

The petition is before the Director of Technology Center 1700 for consideration.

The petition is **GRANTED** for the reasons below.

DECISION

On August 30, 2006, an RCE was filed by applicant along with a request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of three months. In response, the examiner issued a final rejection on October 13, 2006, in which the examiner denied the request for suspension as lacking good and sufficient cause for the suspension. The instant petition was then timely filed on October 20, 2006, requesting withdrawal of the final rejection of October 13, 2006.

As correctly noted by applicant, suspensions under 37 CFR 1.103(c) do not require good and sufficient cause. The request for suspension under 37 CFR 1.103(c) filed with the RCE of August 8, 2006 was entirely proper and should have been granted.

Accordingly, the petition for withdrawal of the final rejection of October 13, 2006 is **GRANTED**.

Applicant filed a response to the final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116 on January 12, 2007. This amendment is hereby entered, and will be treated as a supplemental response under 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2)(ii).

The examiner will consider the amendment of January 12, 2007 and prepare a new Office action in response to the amendment. The examiner will make such action non-final in the event the application is not allowable.

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